



# What's Up Wickliffe!

October  
2017



How hot can it get out there? Are we living in Old Testament times? Are we living in New Testament times? Or, are we living in the End of Times? Is a Nuclear War or any kind of war inevitable? As the

remarks and rhetoric between Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump heat up and become increasingly more inflammatory. Let's be candid, the worry meter continues to rise! As you and I, face each and every day aware of the insecurity and fear that threatens to walk with us. There just seems to be absolutely no end to this conflict.

For those of the opinion that politics and faith don't mix. I am sorry, that's not the same Bible I have read and studied. And that was not among the lessons I received under the tutelage of biblical scholars for many years. The fact is politics and faith are so intertwined in the Bible that it takes an incredibly awesome almighty and powerful God to deliver and preserve God's Creation. Yes, that is what I wrote. It takes an incredibly awesome almighty and powerful God to deliver and preserve God's Creation.

Unfortunately, there are many "wanna be" bible commentators who through the avenues of the television, radio and social media are making a dishonorable living by spinning opinions, perverted theology and conjecture. Is this the "Fake media" we've recently heard so much about? No, the "wanna be" bible commentators and religionist I am speaking of are those who see good and evil as being personified in the political figures of Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump. Those who call themselves Evangelicals, Conservatives, Neo-Conservatives, Liberals and any other banner they've created to fly over their heads. For which they then twist and pervert their points of view to call themselves the righteous, spiritual, holy, and elect. I am sorry, but this is one of the oldest and most worn-out jokes of history. This vociferous fervency is nothing more than the recasting

and re-spinning of the ideologies of the Pharisees and Sadducees and all the other splinter groups who claimed to be the Super-Godly in Jesus' days.

Friends, Judgement is for God alone. God alone has the divine wisdom and the divine perspective of humankind to pronounce judgement upon God's own Creation. You and I, they and them are all equal parts of God's Creation. Remember, this is God's own creation for which these political fools are carelessly and haphazardly flapping their own jaws and feathers about. They will lose and God will win!

Our faith and trust needs to be in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The God of the Old Testament who pronounced judgement upon the earth and its inhabitants. Is the very same God who is seen and heard through the eyes and the words of God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus was God in the flesh. So, if Jesus said it...then God meant it: Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the Sons of God." John 3:17 "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." Amen.

~ *Pastor Mark*

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# OCTOBER SCHEDULE

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**Oct 1 World Communion Sunday**

- ◆ Communion
- ◆ Peace & Global Witness Offering

**Oct 8 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- ◆ Moment for Stewardship

**Oct 15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- ◆ Moment for Stewardship / Stewardship Sunday
- ◆ Moment for Mission– Samaritan Christmas Boxes - Shirley McMahon

**Oct 22 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Oct 29 Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost**

- ◆ Benevolence Offering

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**Greeters**

- Oct 1 ***Volunteer Needed***
- Oct 8 ***Volunteer Needed***
- Oct 15 ***Volunteer Needed***
- Oct 22 ***Volunteer Needed***
- Oct 29 ***Volunteer Needed***

**Worship**

- Oct 1 Shirley McMahon
- Oct 8 ***Volunteer Needed***
- Oct 15 ***Volunteer Needed***
- Oct 22 Janelle Truslow
- Oct 29 ***Volunteer Needed***

**Acolytes**

Volunteers are needed for weekly acolytes.

**Ushers**

1st Week - Dennis McMahon, Nancy O'Hara, Bill Schoenfeld, Neil Truslow

2nd Week - Kevin Yacucci, Sherry Yacucci, Bill O'Hara, Ricky Witt

3rd Week - Bev Bagoly, Barb McKinney, Bill Wayland, *Volunteer Needed*

4th Week - Jamie Bryant, Debbie Marshall, *Volunteer Needed*, Bob Fabian

5th Week & Evenings - Bill O'Hara, Ron Salo, Dr. David Ritchie, Gary Booher

Alternates - Bill O'Hara, Bev Bagoly, Nancy Truslow



2017 Per Capita is \$32.00. Per Capita informational flyers available at the church.

Church Office Hours:  
Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm  
Church Website: [www.wickliffepc.com](http://www.wickliffepc.com)  
Secretary's Email: [wickliffepc@gmail.com](mailto:wickliffepc@gmail.com)  
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Director, Norma Johnson  
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**Happy Birthday!**  
October 5 - Michael Bryant  
October 6 - Sondra Perkins  
October 6 - Marcy Clark  
October 7 - Bettie Lewis  
October 12 - Vivian Manenti  
**Happy Anniversary**  
October 10 - Dave & Lynn Gilbert  
October 26 - Greg & Kerry Schneider

**Needle's Eye Soup Ministry**  
Beginning in May, large cans of beans and large jars of peanut butter are needed for Needle's Eye End of the Month care for the Elderly.  
Check for your initials this month!  
**This month's initials are: S - V**  
Thank you for your generosity!  
Donna Cooper  


**Thank You**  
I want to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, phone calls, and prayers for when my niece, Shelley Wayne passed away in August. Everything was deeply appreciated.  
Grace Brown and Family



World Wide Communion will be on October 1st. Please come and celebrate like Christians from all over the world .

Mark your calendars: Deacon's Soup and Sloppy Joe Lunch will be November 12th after church. This is one of our fund raisers for Deacon missions. Thanks for always supporting our church.

*Greetings from T.L.C.C.—*

On behalf of myself and T.L.C.C. families, I want to extend a huge "thank you" for the generosity and kindness shown through schools supplies that were donated to our school.

Many families were in need and greatly appreciated the extra help, along with stocking our classrooms for our new school year.

I truly appreciate church members that continue to support this wonderful program. I believe our best days are ahead of us with lots of prayers and faith. We are excited to start another school year.

Many thanks & blessings.  
Norma Johnson



**The Trouble Tree**  
Submitted by Nancy Truslow

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation.. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

'Oh, that's my trouble tree,' he replied 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children.. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again.' 'Funny thing is,' he smiled, 'when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance. We all need a Tree!



**Wickliffe Presbyterian Church Financial Report - August 2017**

<b>07/31/17</b>	<b>Total Available Funds (checking/savings)</b>	<b>\$122,774.19</b>
	Total Cash Received	7,427.10
	Total Expenditures	7,016.75
	Total Interest	3.33
<b>08/31/17</b>	<b>Total Available Funds (checking/savings)</b>	<b>\$123,187.87</b>

<b>Account Balances:</b>	<b><u>Savings</u></b>	<b><u>Checking</u></b>	<b><u>Benevolence</u></b>	<b><u>Memorial</u></b>
<b>Balance as of 07/31/17</b>	<b>\$45,780.76</b>	<b>\$76,993.43</b>	<b>\$1,221.33</b>	<b>\$5,099.48</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	0.00	7,427.10	17.10	0.00
<b>Interest Received</b>	3.33			
<b>Withdrawals</b>	0.00	7,016.75	0.00	0.00
<b>Balance as of 08/31/17</b>	<b>\$45,784.09</b>	<b>\$77,403.78</b>	<b>\$1,238.43</b>	<b>\$5,099.48</b>

**Per Capita ~ Received - \$911.00 Paid - \$911.00**



Girl Scout Troop 80483 has returned to our Fellowship Hall every other Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This year, the troop consists of 13 scouts (1 Brownie and 12 Juniors).



On Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, our Fellowship Hall hosted a Scout Recruitment Event. What a success! Two brand new troops were formed (a Daisy and multi-level).

Also in September, they also attended the Service Unit Swim Party at Hubbard Community Pool. Each scout was permitted to bring a friend. Over 100 girls attended!!!

Coming up in October, another Service Unit Event will be held at Stage Left Dance in Canfield. The troop Halloween Party and Make A Difference Day will round out the month.



## MISSION NOTES FROM RWANDA!

THE REV. KAY DAY,

One of the international Mission Co-Workers we are getting to know!

Below you will find Kay's latest letter from Rwanda.

Please continue to hold her in prayer!

You may follow Kay's work at [Kaydaysdiary.blogspot.com](http://Kaydaysdiary.blogspot.com)

You may also email her at [mkayday@gmail.com](mailto:mkayday@gmail.com)

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from sunny, dry Rwanda. As we await the coming of the rains, many of you are preparing for the beauty of autumn and the change of the seasons. Change is a part of life. Sometimes that change is something to be celebrated. That was the case this month for five of our graduates from the Protestant University of Rwanda (PUR). They were ordained as pastors, a joyful change in their lives.

Each August, the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda (EPR) holds a four day, church-wide evangelism rally. The end of the celebration is the annual ordination of new pastors. The rally is moved from presbytery to presbytery. This year it was held in Gisenyi Presbytery, in the northeaster section of Rwanda, at the northern tip of Lake Kivu, near the Congolese border. It is about a four-hour drive from my home in Huye, along winding mountain roads. Because I was teaching English for the Development Studies department on Friday and Saturday, I was only able to go for the ordination. Two colleagues and I left early Sunday morning to get to the football (to Americans, soccer) stadium in time for the final worship service – the ordination service of our former students.

This service is marked with pomp and ceremony. It begins with all the pastors of the church, in robes and stoles, processing in, led by a marching band. This year, since it was at the stadium, we marched around the field before taking our seats. Each section of "spectators" greeted us with cheers and whistling and applause. It is the first time, as a pastor, I have felt like a celebrity of a sort. After the march, we took our seats in the stands and the festivities continued with five choirs each singing before the liturgy actually began. Instead of a pulpit, an elevated stage served the purpose, complete with 12-foot speakers suspended from scaffolds on each side of the stage. The volume was loud, for all to hear. Regardless of the rally like setting, when the time came for the preaching, the sermon was welcomed with reverence and great attention, as was the ordination ceremony which followed. This service is quite different from an ordination in America. Those to be ordained sit among the worshippers and at the designated time, the presidents of their respective presbyteries "hunt" for them and bring them to the front of the stadium, as scripture is read from Luke 10 of the harvest being plentiful but the laborers being few. When all those to be ordained are gathered in the front, with their spouses, they are asked constitutional questions and with hands raised before God, they swear their willingness to serve. Their spouses are asked to respond to questions of willingness to serve as well. Then the ordinands are robed and the rest of the clergy are invited to come down and lay hands on them for prayer, must as we do in the States. Their ordination is the culmination of four years of theological training and at least two years of internship in a parish. They are now ready to fully serve Christ's church.

One of my blessings is to be a part of the training of these young pastors. This ordination service is, in a way, a culmination of what I have been sent here to do – to assist EPR in preparing their pastors. You are a part of this with me. As you know, PCUSA asks us to raise financial support for the work we are called to. I could not be here without your financial support and your prayer support. I thank you for that. You are a part of this ministry. But know that I am not fully supported. If you are supporting with prayer, I ask you to consider if God is calling you to increase that support to include the financial as well. Or maybe God would have you share this ministry with friends who would be interested in supporting the preparation of pastors to serve the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda. Please prayerfully consider the options. This is an investment in the future of Christ's church.

As we prepare for the next school year to begin in October, even now, the church leadership is selecting the next class of students they will send for training. Please pray for the selection process, which will bring great changes for these new students. My prayers are with you as you move from summer to autumn and into the changes that only God knows that the future holds. May the change be filled with God's blessings.

Yours in Christ's love, Kay (Cathie to the family)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>DEACONS Meeting following worship</p> <p>Peace &amp; Global Witness Offering</p> <p><b>WORLD COMMUNION Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:00 pm -ALANON</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:00 pm - Girl Scout SERVICE Unit Meeting (Library)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Goodtimers @ Denny's (Austintown) - 11:30 am</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>5:45 pm - T.O.PS.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>10:00 am - CHOIR Practice</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00 pm -ALANON</p> 	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>5:45 pm - T.O.PS.</p> <p>6:30 pm - Girl SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>10:00 am - CHOIR Practice</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:30 am - SUPPORT Meeting</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00 pm -ALANON</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:00 pm - SESSION Meeting</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>12:00 Noon - Esther CIRCLE</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>5:45 pm - T.O.PS.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>10:00 am - CHOIR Practice</p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:00 pm -ALANON</p> 	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>5:45 pm - T.O.PS.</p> <p>6:30 pm - Girl SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>10:00 am - CHOIR Practice</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> 	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>12:30 pm - DISCOVERY Group</p> <p>7:00 pm -ALANON</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>TLCC Classroom HALLOWEEN Parties @ 9:00 am</p> 				